


<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE</b> Camden's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy Year 2 Progress Report	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Director of Education Commissioning and Inclusion	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE</b> 24 February 2025
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b></p> <p>Camden's Local Area SEND Strategy was published in November 2022. As part of the delivery of this strategy we publish annual progress reports outlining the work that we have done to deliver the commitments in the strategy. The attached report provides detail of the work that has taken place during 2024.</p> <p>During the last year, we have made significant progress in the delivery of the ambitions of the strategy, including increased investment in a number of areas. This is the second year of delivery of our five-year strategy and the scale of the ambition of the reform we are undertaking means that there is still considerable work to do. We will also be publishing our implementation plan setting out planned activity up to 2027, the end of the strategy period.</p> <p><b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b></p> <p>No documents require listing.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Megan Jarvie, Principal Policy and Projects Officer – SEND 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG <a href="mailto:megan.jarvie@camden.gov.uk">megan.jarvie@camden.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That the Committee notes the progress made in the delivery of the SEND Strategy and proposed next steps.</p>	



Signed:

Vikram Hansrani, Director of Education Commissioning and Inclusion  
Date: 14 January 2025

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update the Children's, Schools, and Families Scrutiny Committee on the implementation of Camden's Local Area SEND Strategy 2022 – 2027; the local and national context; and the next steps in this area. The Committee is asked to scrutinise service performance and delivery and provide feedback on the service approach and next steps. It has been customary for an annual progress report on the SEND strategy to be presented to the Committee, as part of the process by which Members set their work programme.

## **2. Key questions for the Committee**

- 2.1. How would do members want us to report on progress in delivering the SEND Strategy?
- 2.2. Does our self evaluation and future plans match findings from your panel investigation on SEND?

## **3. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services**

- 3.1 The Director of Finance has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no comment to make at this time.

## **4. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor**

- 4.1. The Local Authority has a duty under Section 27 of the Children and Families Act 2014

(1) ....to keep under review.

(a) the educational provision, training provision and social care provision made in its area for children and young people who have special educational needs or a disability, and

(b) the educational provision, training provision and social care provision made outside its area for—

(i) children and young people for whom it is responsible who have special educational needs, and

(ii) children and young people in its area who have a disability.

(2) The authority must consider the extent to which the provision referred to in subsection (1)(a) and (b) is sufficient to meet the educational needs, training needs and social care needs of the children and young people concerned.

The Local Authority must consult with the bodies listed in that section and it must have regard to the relevant joint assessment of needs and the health and wellbeing strategy.

## **5. Environmental Implications**

- 5.1. It is not intended or identified that this update or the Local Area SEND strategy will have a negative impact on climate change, air pollution and the wider environment.
- 5.2. Some of the ambitions in the strategy, for example, ensuring local schools and settings for local children may have a positive environmental impact by reducing travel times for children with disabilities. The Local Area SEND strategy does intend to reduce our environmental impact.

## **6. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Camden SEND Annual Report 2024

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